

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

APRIL 16, 1880.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. KIRKWOOD, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 2857.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2857) granting a pension to Joseph Showman, have considered the same, and report:

The evidence in the case fully sustains the report of the House Committee on Invalid Pensions, which is as follows:

The claimant, Joseph Showman, enlisted on the 22d day of August, 1862, in Company C, Eighty-fourth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was honorably discharged on the 22d of December, 1862, by surgeon's certificate of disability. He applied for pension on the 20th of October, 1876, alleging that at Camp Curtin, Harrisburgh, Pa., and in line of duty, on the 1st day of October, 1862, he fell into a ditch and a cart-wheel ran over his breast, injuring his breast internally on the left side, depressing it; and that he discharges matter and blood from his breast, and has ever since the injury. This claim was rejected by the Commissioner of Pensions on the 10th of May, 1878, because there was no record of alleged injury, and inability to furnish medical evidence, and that the disability existed prior to enlistment.

The claimant alleges that after the injury he was taken to the hospital, was not treated by the surgeon of the regiment, and that he cannot ascertain the name of the surgeon of the hospital and his place of residence if now alive.

William W. Brown, on the 19th of January, 1877, swears that the claimant lived at his house for twelve months before he enlisted, and that prior to and at the date of enlistment was a sound, able-bodied man, and especially free from all disease of breast or side.

Jacob Enos, Jacob Croner, and Daniel Kuhns, on the 12th day of October, 1876, testified that the claimant was a sound, able-bodied man, and free from disease of breast at date of enlistment.

William Logan, captain of the company, testifies that at Harrisburgh, Pa., about October 1, 1862, claimant fell across a ditch or gutter and a cart-wheel passed over his breast, and that he was taken to the hospital and afterward discharged. Daniel Kuhns and Samuel Kunkle, comrades, testify to the injury and say the claimant was internally injured on the left side, and that they helped to carry him away.

Jonathan Shawly and Henry Nedrow say that the claimant was not treated by the regimental surgeon, but was taken to the hospital immediately after being hurt.

Dr. Henry Brubaker testifies that he had the claimant under treatment after December, 1862, until in September, 1864, for pulmonary hemorrhage.

Dr. A. G. Miller testified that he treated claimant since June, 1872, for disease of breast and side, which he thinks originated from some injury. He says the claimant is always expectorating mucus and blood in large quantities, with soreness and constant pain in left side.

William W. Brown, Jacob Croner, Jacob Enos, Abraham Shaulis, Hon. Noah M. Marker, and Dr. Moses Hartman, and other reputable witnesses testify to the disability of the claimant after his discharge; that he had "a sore breast and side;" that he "laid in bed much of the time spitting blood"—sometimes "blood ran out of his

mouth;" that "he is in delicate health;" and that his "disability has been continuous." Examining Surgeon W. B. Lawman, in his report of the examination of the claimant made on the 6th of August, 1877, says the disability is permanent, and that it is his belief that it originated in the service in line of duty, and rates the disability at three-fourths, or \$6 per month.

Your committee are of opinion Mr. Showman is clearly entitled to a pension. They recommend that the bill be amended by striking out all after the word "volunteers" in the sixth line and inserting in lieu thereof the following words: "Subject to the limitations and provisions of the pension laws," and that the bill so amended do pass.